



## **First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact - May 26, 2015**

### **FirstNet News**

- Preparations continue for the PSAC (6/1) and Committee and Board meetings (6/2-3) in San Diego. The PSAC meeting will provide an opportunity for staff to brief and solicit feedback from the PSAC on a range of topics including the Roadmap, Special Notice and Draft RFP Documents, Data Collection, and the Second and Third Notices. In addition there will be updates and discussion on the Priority and Preemption, Public Safety Grade and User Equipment assignments and updates from the Early Builder and Tribal Working Groups. The last 90 minutes of the PSAC meeting, focused on the technical and Working Group assignments, will be [opened to the public \(for in person attendance as well as webcast\).](#)
- User Advocacy conducted SPOC calls with the Region 5 and 9 states and territories this week and will complete calls with the remaining 8 regions next week. The May calls are primarily being used to poll states on their progress in data collection and solicit feedback on the April SPOC meeting and plans for the next meeting.
- The 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> initial consultations meetings took place this week in the Virgin Islands (VI), Maine (ME) and Idaho (ID). The VI meeting had about 45 attendees. The ME meeting had about 22 state and local representatives, including those from neighboring states. The ID meeting had more than 100 state and local representatives, also including those from neighboring states. Discussions on real world use cases at the meetings included hurricane response and large planned events in those states.
- The 30 initial consultation meetings to date have involved nearly 1,800 state, tribal, and local representatives. Overall, we have connected with more than 25,000 public safety and private sector stakeholders at more than 175 outreach and consultation engagements in fiscal year 2015 to date.
- This week, FirstNet will be participating in the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) Law Enforcement and IT Day and the Connecticut initial consultation meeting.
- Last week, FirstNet participated in the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Law Enforcement Information Management Conference; the NTIA hosted State Broadband Leaders Workshop; the National Association of Counties Western Interstate

Region Board Meeting; the State of Texas Executive Council Priority and Preemption webinar; and the USVI, ME and ID initial consultation meetings.

- To date, FirstNet has received 51 of 56 completed consultation checklists. Confirmed upcoming initial consultation meetings are: Connecticut (5/27), New Hampshire (6/9), New Mexico (6/10), Ohio (6/11), Vermont (6/16), Kansas (6/17), Wisconsin (6/18), North Dakota (7/9), Illinois (7/14), Alabama (7/15), Georgia (7/21), California (7/28-29), Tennessee (7/23), Pennsylvania (8/4), Hawaii (8/11-12), American Samoa (8/13-14), Indiana (8/26), Michigan (9/1) and New Jersey (9/3). An updated schedule can be viewed on the [website tracker](#).

### **News from the States and PSAC**

- Texas has launched its FirstNet online learning program at <http://txlte.com/>. Enrollment is required but all courses are publically available, free, and self-paced. Additionally, two hours of continuing education credits can be earned that are honored by four Texas state agencies. The portal currently has two courses: Introduction to Public Safety Broadband Program and ICTAP Mobile Data Survey Tutorial for FirstNet Data Collection. States may access these courses at <https://txlte.freedomlearn.com> or may use the Shareable Content Object Reference Model (SCORM) training packages to tailor their own courses. Additionally, a direct link to the MDS Tutorial is now available upon selecting the MDST button on the [www.publicsafetytools.info](http://www.publicsafetytools.info) site. For additional info, email [lesia.dickson@dps.texas.gov](mailto:lesia.dickson@dps.texas.gov).
- The state of Washington has been using a new tool they developed, “Tribal Nations By The Numbers” as a way to start discussions about current capacity and future need. According to Washington state, it demonstrates the value of the relationship between tribes and rural communities and the importance of interoperable communications to tribal and non-tribal responders and citizens. It is available for [review and download](#).
- The delegate from the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) to the Tribal Working Working Group (TWG), Randell Harris (Tlingit), will be presenting to a gathering of the Montana Indian Nations Working Group, hosted by “FirstNet in Montana” (6/9-10). The discussion will focus on the topics of tribal engagement in statewide data collection.
- The delegate from the American Public Health Association (APHA)--American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian (AI/AN/NH) Caucus to the TWG, Michael Bird (Santo Domingo-San Juan Pueblo), will be joining Carl Rebstock (FirstNet) and Shelley Westall (Washington OneNet) for a panel discussion at the national Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness Conference (TPHEPC) in Washington State (6/9-10)

and hosted by the Quinault Indian Nation. The healthcare and public health dimensions of FirstNet to remote communities and cross-border activities will be addressed. Michael will also be presenting the conference key note address.

- FirstNet is assisting the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) in modifying the Mobile Data Survey Tool (MDST) to better accommodate tribal contributions.

## **Media Watch**

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### *Traditional Media*

Media coverage of FirstNet included more articles about Industry Day, the Congressional Research Service Report and local reports about state consultations.

## **Fierce Mobile Government: Business Model Becomes a Focus at First-ever FirstNet Industry Day**

<http://www.fiercemobilegovernment.com/story/business-model-becomes-focus-first-ever-firstnet-industry-day/2015-05-20>

The First Responder Network Authority, or FirstNet, held its first industry day recently, giving contractors interested in responding to its request for proposals a chance to find out the latest goings-on. As a next step in developing a nationwide public safety broadband network, more than 425 people from federal, state and local jurisdictions plus associations and vendors mingled May 14 in person or via webcast, according to a [FirstNet press release](#).

## **Virgin Island Daily News: Officials Ponder Internet Options for Territory's First Responders (choose "Continue to Use PressDisplay.com" option after opening the link)**

<http://www.pressreader.com/usa/the-virgin-islands-daily-news/20150520/281629598855873/TextView>

Virgin Islands law enforcement officials met on Tuesday with representatives from FirstNet, a government agency charged with placing first responders on a high-speed Internet and cellular network.

#### *Web and Social Media*

In addition to the three consultation meetings, social media discussion touched on continued discussion around Industry Day, IACP Law Enforcement Information Management Conference, and the annual EMS Week, which took place this week. The FirstNet Twitter account has more than 2,222 followers; LinkedIn 724; Google+ 45; and YouTube 111 subscribers.

FirstNet blog topics this week included one on the upcoming PSAC meeting and two about EMS Week 2015 – included one from FirstNet Board Member Kevin McGinnis. They are available at: <http://www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog>.